

Borough of Dumont
Environmental Commission Meeting
January 28, 2010 Minutes

Flag Salute

SUNSHINE LAW: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of the Environmental Commission. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to The Record and the Ridgewood News, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont on December 25, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dan Harrison, Commission Chairman.

The Oath of Office was administered by Council Liaison Harry Stylianou to Janet Bazzini, Jennifer Cartelli, Craig Grothues and Dan Harrison.

ROLL CALL: Janet Bazzini, Jennifer Cartelli, Craig Grothues, Dan Harrison-present
Seymour Berkowitz, Marian Reitano - absent

Also in attendance are Harry Stylianou, Council Liaison to the Commission, and Kathy Schaefer, Dumont Borough Clerk's Office.

Motion to approve minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting: Dan Harrison, second Craig Grothues
All in favor: Aye
Motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Environmental Commission Newsletter

Mr. Berkowitz had sent Ms. Schaefer the first issue of the Newsletter, which had been placed on the Borough Website.

Seymour Berkowitz joined the meeting at 7:25 pm.

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Berkowitz by Councilman Stylianou.

Mission Statement

Mr. Grothues passed out a draft of his proposed Mission Statement to the board members for their review.

Motion made to approve the Mission Statement, as amended: Dan Harrison, second Janet Bazzini
All in favor: Aye
Motion passed.

Mr. Grothues will send amended statement to Ms. Schaefer to post on the website.

Shade Tree Committee Meeting

Mr. Harrison stated that a few months ago it had been discussed that we would send someone to the Shade Tree Commission meetings and they would send someone to the Environmental Commission meetings. Mr. Berkowitz advised that he had called Sally Tayeb the previous week and left a message regarding the next meeting date. Ms. Bazzini asked Ms. Schaefer if she knew when the next meeting would take place. Ms. Schaefer advised that the Shade Tree Commission meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of the month, but since that date is a holiday in February, the meeting would instead be held on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm at the Library. Mr. Berkowitz advised that he would be present at the February 16th meeting.

Recycling Ordinance

Copies of Borough of Dumont Ordinance #1387, Municipal Source, Separation and Recycling Ordinance, were passed out to members of the Commission to take home and review. Councilman Stylianou advised that violations should be reported to Code Enforcement Official Steve Cavadias. Mr. Harrison was curious as to how much money these violations bring to the Borough. It was suggested that we request Mr. Cavadias to join one of the Environmental Commission meetings to discuss how the whole separation of garbage issue takes place. Councilman Stylianou advised that the town and the Board of Education have separate garbage removal contracts and that perhaps the Environmental Commission should participate at one of their meetings. Ms. Bazzini advised that she would like the Borough and Council to address the ugly dumpster right in the front entrance of St. Mary's Senior Residence which is for all to see as they drive up Washington Avenue. Surely they can find another place to put it or put a fence around it.

New Business

Logo

Ms. Cartelli handed out for review copies of the flyer she had designed for the Environmental Commission's "Design our Logo" Contest for grades K through 8. Ms. Cartelli will have the flyer printed and distribute it to the Dumont schools. The flyer will also be put on the website. The deadline for receipt of the flyers will be April 1, 2010 and participants can distribute as many designs as they desire. The completed form will be mailed or hand delivered to the Borough Clerk's office.

Clean up Oradell Reservoir (Saturday, May 22, 2010)

Mr. Harrison advised he had contacted the Hackensack Riverkeeper and they are going to do the same thing as last year, the Mayor's Challenge and it is actually going to be on June 5th this year. When he called, he asked if it would make sense if we could possibly do a clean up for them down by where the entrance is. They do clean ups all the time; for a good clean up, they would probably need 100 people. Not being sure if Dumont would get that many, it was suggested that Dumont get in touch with some of the other commissions. He was given a list of all the towns who were involved last year. He called Hillsdale and they were not interested. He will be getting in touch with more towns in the next week or two. He was not sure if we should associate this with a nature walk. Mr. Grothues advised he has done several major cleanups at the Oradell Reservoir with his students and he felt he could get his Environmental Science classes on a school day. Anyone from town could accompany them and he encouraged the Environmental Commission to also be there. Ms. Bazzini advised she thought that would be very nice if we could associate ourselves with the Hackensack Riverkeeper who has an established name, for at least one event. She feels it would benefit the town of Dumont. Mr. Harrison advised that he would contact the Riverkeeper and get back to Mr. Grothues.

ANJEC Training (Morristown Saturday, March 13, 2010)

Mr. Harrison advised that Dumont has two individual memberships in ANJEC (Harrison and Berkowitz) and when he speaks to people on other commissions, they recommend that as a new commission, we should probably go to one or two of the ANJEC workshops. Mr. Harrison is planning on going to one of them in Morristown on March 13th; the cost of the workshop is \$35.00. He is asking the Commission for its approval for him to attend and if anyone else wanted to go. The workshop tells you what some of the things a Commission should be doing. Mr. Harrison also advised that if the Borough subscribed to ANJEC, it would cost \$400 but also allows the town to apply for grants. Councilman Stylianou advised that John Perkins is in charge of grants and he will check with him; if it allows us to apply for grant money, which is substantially more than that, then it might be worth it, especially if the members could attend the workshops for nothing. Mr. Harrison rechecked and it would cost \$260 for the town to subscribe. If all the members were to go to this workshop, it would cost \$175 - it is almost a wash and there would also be other seminars they could attend during the year. It was suggested that perhaps we wait until next year to ask for town membership and just keep the two memberships for the present time.

Motion to approve our attendance at the ANJEC Training Session in Morristown on March 13, 2010 at the cost of \$35.00 per Environmental Commission member to come out of the Environmental Commission's Treasury: Mrs. Bazzini, second Mr. Grothues

All in favor: Aye

Motion passed.

Mr. Harrison also advised that ANJEC has this EQ Challenge, sort of like board games to attract visitors to your booth and get them thinking about ways to conserve energy. He thinks this is another thing we should consider for Dumont Day. Mr. Grothues suggested that we look at this at the next meeting so that we don't rush through it.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Grothues, second Mrs. Cartelli

All in favor: Aye

Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Schaefer.